THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA) (a) and (b) In accordance with the report received from the State Government, the estimated loss of life, property and crops caused by the recent floods in Rajasthan as on 7.8.1990 is as under:—

(i) Loss of human life	—	93
(ii) Loss of cattle life	—	17,000
(iii) Damage to crops	—	Not reported
(iv) Population affected	—	—do—
(v) No. of houses damaged	—	95,000

(c) and (d) Consequent upon the acceptance of the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission, the scheme for financing the relief expenditure has undergone change from 1.4.1990 and the earlier system of sending the Central Team to the State to assess the damage, etc. has been dispensed with. A Calamity Relief Fund has been constituted for each State including Rajasthan with an allocated amount. Rajasthan State has been allocated Rs. 124 crore for 1990-91 under the Calamity Relief Fund, 75, per cent of which shall be contributed by the Central Government in four quarterly instalments as a non-Plan grant. The balance amount shall be arranged by the State Government from its own resources. The Centre's contribution towards the first quarterly instalment amounting to Rs. 23.25 crore has been released to the State Government on 4th June, 1990. Fullowing the creation of the Calamity Relief Fund, it is the responsibility of the State Government to meet all expenditure arising out of natural calamities.

Train accidents near Dalton Ganj and and at Dulariya station

557. SHRI KRISHANA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a train accident took place recently near Dalton Ganj when a goods train rammed into the passenger train and a large number of persons were Killed and serveral passengers were injured;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in another train accident some persons were killed and a large number of persons were injured when 1058 UP Amritsar-Dadar Express collided with a stationary goods train at Dulariya station on the Itarsi-Bansaval section; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Both these accidents took place on 25.6.1990.

In the accident at Mangra station near Dalton Ganj on Dhanbad Division of Eastern Railway, 22 persons lost their lives and 62 sustained injuries.

In the accident at Dulariya station of Bhopal Division of Central Railway, 4 persons lost their lives and 28 sustained injuries.

Crash action plan for better medical care under ESI scheme

558. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to draw up a crash action plan to provide better medical care to workers covered under the Employees State Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details and background thereof;

(c) whether some phases have been fixed to implement this plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the States to be covered under these phases;

(e) what amount is proposed to be spent in this regard; and

(f) what deadline has been fixed to complete the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (f) The administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme is the statutory responsibility of the respective State Governments, except in Delhi and NOIDA where the ESI Corporation is administering medical care directly. The improvement in medical care to workers covered under the scheme is a continuous process. The position is, however, reviwed periodically at different levels. The position of medical care in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh was reviewed recently and the Labour Ministers of these states have been addressed to make suitable improvements in the working of the ESI medical scheme. For this purpose, they have been requested to take following action:—

(i) to fill up all the vacant posts of medical officers and Specialists in the ESI hospitals/dispensaries;

(ii) to provide proper ambulance facilities for the use of beneficiaries;

(iii) to provide proper diet to the inpatients in the hospitals;

(iv) to pay proper attention towards repair and maintenance of the buildings of hospitals/dispensaries;

(v) to ensure that all the required equipments are available in proper working order in hospitals/dispensaries.

The expenditure incurred on the above items will be shared between the ESI Corporation and the State Government in the approved ratio of 7:1.

Participation by private sector in seed production

559. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether some companies in private sector have offered their participation in seed production programme of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such companies with background to such participation and also the details of the companies whose offer has been accepted by Government;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to encourage such companies to give their contribution in this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether some foreign companies have been allowed to participate in the said programme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps to be taken to dilute the influence of foreign companies in these programmes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) No permission from the Government is required for companies to undertake seed production and distribution except for MRTP and FERA Companies. The details of the companies permitted foreign collaboration since the announcement of New Seed Policy is annexed. This would help in technology transfer. Further to encourage the production programmes the duty on certain seeds imports and seed processing equimpments, has also been reduced as envisaged under the New Seed Policy.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. Two FERA companies namely M/s. Sandoz India Ltd. and M/s Cargil Seeds India Pvt.